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1. Since September 1951, civilians in Sofia have been required to take a two-months course in military training. Three courses are given:

    a. Anti-aircraft defense;

    b. Chemical warfare defense; and

    c. Medical care and first aid.

2. The first two courses are given by specially trained experts. The third course is given by medical personnel. In the anti-aircraft defense course, civilians are taught recognition of signals and alerts, use of sandbags and shelters, leadership in an emergency so as to avoid panic, and probable action of hostile planes. The chemical warfare defense group learns how to recognize the various military gases, decontamination, and use of gas masks. First aid instruction includes emergency treatment of wounds.

3. Headquarters for these civilian training courses are in the main building of the Central Communist Party. A record is kept here of the name and emergency address of every citizen. Classes are held three times per week, after 6 p.m., and are given in military clubs, barracks, schools, and the homes of Communist Party members. The classes, which were originally intended to be limited to no more than 20 persons, have tended to grow larger and the instruction has sometimes become merely a lecture.

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4. At the conclusion of the course, all students must undergo an examination. Those who fail the course and those who have shown negligence or have been absent without cause are punished by being sent to camps, by being deported from Sofia to the villages, or by being dismissed from their employment.